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Honorable Gaylord Nelson and  
Honorable Alan Cranston  
Committee on Labor and Public Welfare  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Memo from

To: Ann ~~Albers~~ *Albers*

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*Re: Cancer*

*Dear Eppie —*

*I appreciate the boost  
you gave, so effectively, to  
cancer research. But I  
fear you were badly advised  
about the nature of the  
problem of "NIH bureaucracy"*

*Sincerely*

*Josh.*

May 25th and for having introduced  
cancer act, S.34.

lly speaking, a member of the national  
st of cancer although I was unable to  
 liberation that led to the final report.  
 recommendations I did not regard the  
 cy as the focal issue and whatever mis-  
 tweighed by the evident need to convey  
 along with the cancer problem. Against  
 orating financial and administrative  
 : health research generally, over the  
 ent of a new agency would have been an  
 situation. This is not to say that it  
 eal solution. I did not believe it then;  
 evel of public attention has been  
 eve that we can formulate far better ways  
 ere embodied in the panel report at that  
 : legislation has progressed, it has also  
 ormulation of the bill put the final  
 ie oversight of the program at ever greater  
 ific community, in the name of "efficient  
 believe that this aspect of the proposal  
 rch-experienced members of the panel.

the new initiatives by the President  
 : the reinvigoration of cancer research  
 the obvious demerits of separating the  
 : of NIH. Such a separation could be  
 cer and to health progress generally.  
 that contingency!

the administrative difficulties that  
 s for progress in cancer. However,  
 result of the association of cancer  
 do with the relative invisibility  
 . Furthermore, congressional  
 HEW but also impinging directly on  
 ces of difficulty. I refer to the  
 or only a single fiscal year but many

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